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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from April 15 to May 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

Illinois Beach State Park

0712209 - This project involves the rehabilitation of the North Unit's gravel-surfaced trails and remove/replace selected culverts. Project was submitted for review on 3-21-07.

• Rice Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

0712429 - This project involves dredging a portion of Big Lake on the east side of Duck Island. Approximately three feet of silt will be removed to form a channel 30-60 feet wide and 5 feet deep. Dredge material will be placed on Duck Island. Project was submitted for review on 3-22-07.

• Shabbona Lake State Park

0714175 - This project involves bank stabilization to three bends on Indian Creek. Project was submitted for review on 5-2-07.

• Mississippi River Fish & Wildlife Area

0711876 - This project involves the excavation of a tapered ditch to allow water to drain to the north into Turner Hollow branch. The high bank will be breached and a 30 inch tube will be installed with a flapper gate on the field side. Project should provide 7-15 acres of seasonal wetland. Project was submitted for review on 3-13-07.

I&M Canal State Trail

0713915 - This project involves roof rehabilitation to the Seneca Weigh Scale Building. Project was submitted for review on 4-30-07.

• Carlyle Lake WMA

0713493 - This project involves the removal of an unsafe bridge. Two 60" diameter pipe culverts will be installed in the same location of the bridge removal. Project was submitted for review on 4-20-07.

Sanganois Conservation Area

0713695 - This project involves the rehabilitation efforts to make repairs to the Sangamon River ridge, the Barkhausen Levee, the Whites Levee, as well as provide upgrades to the overall flood protection of the area. Project was submitted for review on 4-25-07.

• Kinkaid Lake Fish & Wildlife Area

0712437 - This project involves the construction of a pond for erosion control (by water retention). The pond will also serve as a wildlife watering location and a possible rearing pond for IDNR. Project was submitted for review on 3-23-07.

• Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park

0713817 - This project involves the placement of a 4" thick 2' x 4' concrete slab along High Point Trail for a memorial bench to be placed. Project was submitted for review on 4-27-07.

Siloam Springs State Park

0713674 - This project involves the enhancement of more than 200 acres of existing habitat and create/restore more than 100 acres of wildlife habitat. This will occur on state and private lands in strategic locations to provide habitat corridor connections between Siloam Springs State Park and the Buckhorn Unit. Project was submitted for review on 4-25-07.

• Kaskaskia River Fish & Wildlife Area

0713165 - This project involves the placement of two preconstructed concrete or fiberglass pit waterfowl blinds within the Doza Creek Waterfowl Management Area. Project was submitted for review on 4-12-07.

Kickapoo State Park

0712499 - This project involves the removal of the vacated steel bridge of the former 2130 North Road. Project was submitted for review on 3-27-07.

• Fort Massac State Park

0712420 - This project involves the repairs to two existing hiking trails. The Droulliard Hiking Trail and Hickory Nut Hiking Trail will be repaired. Project was submitted for review on 3-23-07.

Des Plaines Fish & Wildlife Area

0713627 - This project involves the construction of a flush toilet and lavatory inside the Field Trial Headquarters building. A plastic holding tank and sewer line will also be installed. Project was submitted for review on 4-24-07.

Questions and Comments

All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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